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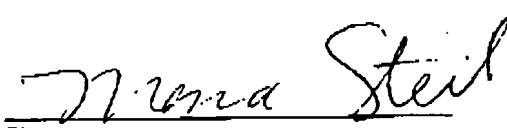
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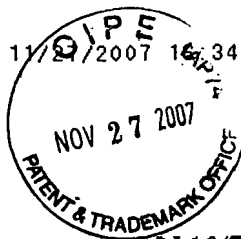
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Allowability mailed on September 20, 2007.

The statement of allowable subject matter along with the Notice of Allowability is appreciated. This Communication is offered to clarify statements raised in the Notice of Allowability.

The Notice of Allowability contends that International Publication No. WO 00/74818 discloses a filter cartridge having a projection arrangement including projections 814 in Figure 42. As described in the PCT application at page 49, lines 14-18: "The projection 814 might extend from a control arm of a retention mechanism, such as the retention mechanism 602 of Fig. 39. The projection 814 might also extend from a door, such as the access door 5 of Fig. 4. The first and second interlocking devices 804, 812 are constructed and arranged to interact with each other." By way of clarification, it is pointed out that the projection 814 in Figure 42 is not part of the filter cartridge 500 although it does engage the filter cartridge 500. Accordingly, the characterization of the steps of International Publication No. WO 00/74818 is inaccurate at least

to the extent that the characterization relies upon an interpretation that the filter cartridge 500 includes projections 814 as part of the filter cartridge 500.


It is pointed out that the sentence in the Notice of Allowability that reads: "Claims 1-13 differ from the disclosure or the European reference in that the filter cartridge comprising a sheath surrounding the filter having projections for biasing the filter cartridge against an end of the housing with the seal arrangement, and a z-filter media within a sheath." is incomplete and the meaning of the sentence cannot be fairly determined.

The Notice of Allowability includes a statement that claims 1-13 defer from the disclosure of three listed references. See the Notice of Allowability at page 3, the second to last paragraph. It is understood that this statement in the Notice of Allowability is an attempted abbreviation of claim 1. It is submitted that the patentability of claim 1 is determined based upon the entirety of claim 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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